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My staff and I would be pleased to discuss any aspect of our modeling process with you as further questions arise. Please feel free to call Mark Cowin at (916) 653-2986 or call me at (916) 653-6628.

Sincerely,

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